

## \* Conditional Probability \*

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- Conditional probability is used to determine the likelihood of an event when a partial information about the event is known.

e.g ① In an experiment of rolling a die, the die is rolled twice. It was observed that the sum of the outcomes was even. So, what is the chance that the first outcome was 2 ?

② In an experiment where a word is to be guessed. It was observed that the first letter of the word is 'A'. What is the chance that the second letter is 'b' ?

→ We have two events in 1<sup>st</sup> example. - A & B

$$P(A|B) = (\text{Event A}) \mid (\text{Event B})$$

$$P(\text{Outcome being 2} \mid \text{Given that outcome is even})$$

↓                            ↓  
Event A                      Event B.

scenario: In an experiment of rolling a die, what is the likelihood that the outcome is 2, given that the outcome is even?

- It is given that the outcome is even (Event B)
  - so possible values are 2, 4, 6 from die, therefore the total no. of elements for event B = 3

- Event A can take any one value amongst 2, 4, 6. Therefore the total number of elements for event A = 1

$$P(A|B) = \frac{\text{No. of elements of } A \cap B}{\text{No. of elements of } B} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{1}{3}$$

Note: Conditional probability is undefined if the conditioning event has zero probability i.e.  $P(B) > 0$  is mandatory.

### \* Examples \*

- x: ① consider the following contingency table

	Right handed	Left handed	Total
Male	0.41	0.08	0.49
Female	0.45	0.06	0.51
Total	0.86	0.14	1

Find the probability that a randomly selected person is

A male given that he is right handed

$$P(M|R) = \frac{P(M \cap R)}{P(R)} = \frac{0.41}{0.86} \approx 0.477$$

(b) Right-handed given that he is male.

$$P(R|M) = \frac{P(R \cap M)}{P(M)} = \frac{0.41}{0.49} = 0.837$$

(c) A female given that she is left-handed.

$$P(F|L) = \frac{P(F \cap L)}{P(L)} = \frac{0.06}{0.14} = 0.429$$

(d) Are the events being a female and being left-handed independent? Justify.

$$\begin{aligned} P(F|L) &= 0.429 \\ P(F) &= 0.51 \\ P(L) &= 0.14 \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Dependent} \\ \text{Independent} \end{array} \right\}$$

Ex 2

	Blue	Yellow
A Bowl	1	4
B Bowl	3	2

g)  $P(\text{Blue}) = \frac{4}{10}$

$P(\text{Yellow}) = \frac{6}{10}$

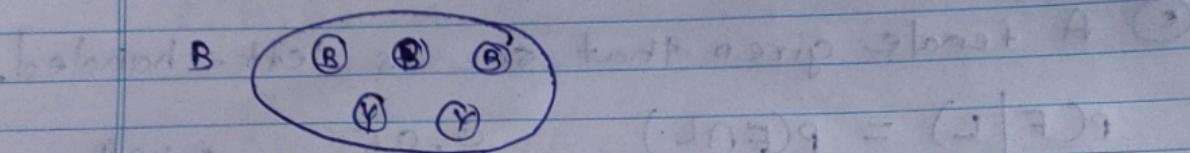
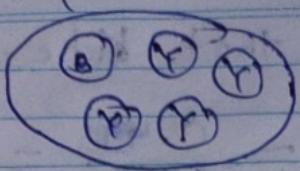
g) What is the probability of blue marble, given bowl A.

$$P(\text{Blue}|A) = \frac{P(\text{Blue} \cap A)}{P(A)} = \frac{1}{5}$$

where,  $B \rightarrow$  Blue  
 $Y \rightarrow$  Yellow

Ex. 3

A



Q)  $P(\text{Blue}) = \frac{4}{10}$

$P(\text{Yellow}) = \frac{5}{10}$

Q) What is the probability of blue marble, given Bowl A

$$P(\text{Blue} | A) = \frac{P(\text{Blue} \cap A)}{P(A)} = \frac{1}{5}$$

Q) What is the probability that the marble is selected from bowl A, given that the marble is Blue

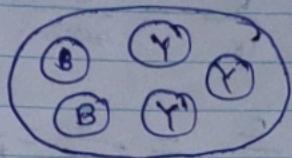
$$P(A | \text{Blue}) = \frac{P(A \cap \text{Blue})}{P(\text{Blue})} = \frac{1}{4}$$

## \* Extended Conditional Probability \*

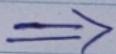
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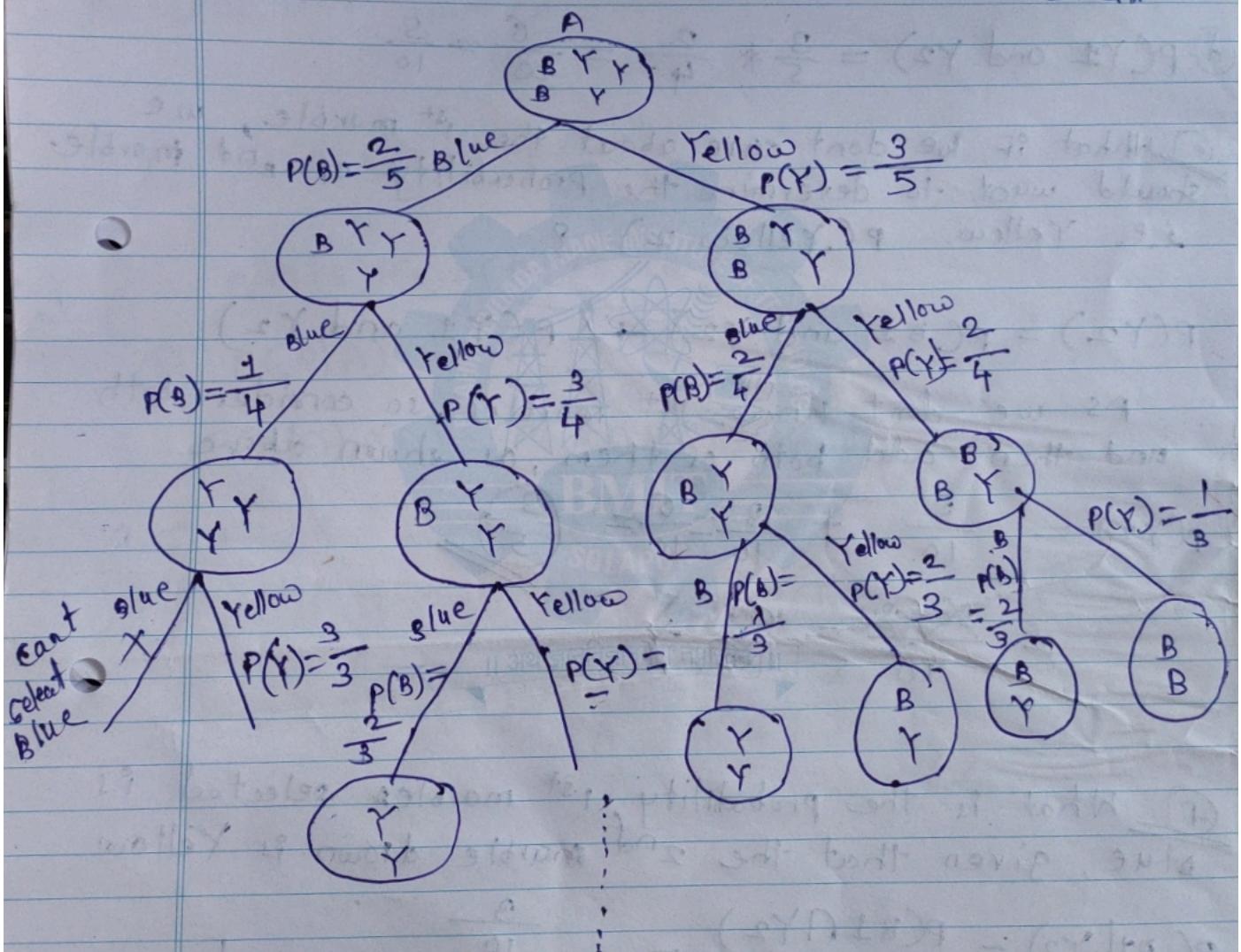
Bowl A



$B \rightarrow \text{Blue}$   
 $Y \rightarrow \text{Yellow}$



Dependent Events



Q → Q What is the probability of selecting two blue marble  
in a row  
P(Blue 1st and Blue 2nd) = ?

$$P(B_1 \text{ and } B_2) = \frac{2}{5} * \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{10}$$

$$\textcircled{b} P(B_1 \text{ and } Y_2) = \frac{2}{5} * \frac{3}{4} = \frac{6}{20} = \frac{3}{10}$$

$$\textcircled{c} P(Y_1 \text{ and } B_2) = \frac{3}{5} * \frac{2}{4} = \frac{6}{20} = \frac{3}{10}$$

$$\textcircled{d} P(Y_1 \text{ and } Y_2) = \frac{3}{5} * \frac{2}{4} = \frac{6}{20} = \frac{3}{10}$$

e What if we don't care about the 1<sup>st</sup> marble, we should want to determine the probability of 2<sup>nd</sup> marble i.e. Yellow.  $P(\text{Yellow } 2)$  ?

$$P(Y_2) = P(B_1 \text{ and } Y_2) + P(Y_1 \text{ and } Y_2)$$

As we don't know 1<sup>st</sup> marble, so consider both and then add both of them, as shown above

$$P(Y_2) = \frac{3}{10} + \frac{3}{10} = \frac{6}{10} = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$\therefore \frac{6}{10} = \frac{3}{5} \approx$$

f What is the probability 1<sup>st</sup> marble selected is blue, given that the 2<sup>nd</sup> marble drawn is Yellow

$$P(B_1 | Y_2) = \frac{P(B_1 \cap Y_2)}{P(Y_2)} = \frac{\frac{3}{10}}{\frac{3}{10} + \frac{3}{10}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

## \* Baye's Theorem \*

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$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A) \cdot P(A)}{P(B)}$$

↑ Prior  
↑ Marginal  
↓ Posterior      ↓ Likelihood

$$\textcircled{1} \quad P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$$

$$- P(A|B)P(B) = P(A \cap B)$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad P(B|A) = \frac{P(B \cap A)}{P(A)}$$

$$P(B|A) \cdot P(A) = P(B \cap A)$$

Almost equal

Justification for baye's th<sup>n</sup>

$$P(A|B) \cdot P(B) = P(B|A) \cdot P(A)$$

$$\boxed{P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A) \cdot P(A)}{P(B)}} //$$